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The 544th Trans. Det., 545th Trans. Co., 524th CSSB, 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, stands ready during their deactivation ceremony at Missing Man Field, JBPHH, Oct. 21.

544th Trans. Det. cases guidon, deactivates unit

Story and Photos by
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8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – The 544th Transportation Detachment held its deactivation ceremony on the Missing Man Field, here, Oct. 21.

As part of the 545th Trans. Company, 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, the unit has been deactivated many times during its history, which goes back to March 1944.

From then until now, the unit has been deactivated

and reactivated a total of six times throughout its storied career.

“The 544th Trans. Det. has operated throughout the waterways of the continental U.S. from California to Virginia, and several places in between,” said Lt. Col. Jeffery Carter, commander, 524th CSSB.

He continued by saying the unit has served proudly in the Pacific theater and southwest Asia, earning battle streamers for its efforts during combat operations in World War II in 1945, Vietnam in 1968 and Operation Desert Shield from 1990-1991.

The unit has also been awarded the Presidential

Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Award and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

The 544th Trans. Det. had operated the joint high-speed vessel, or JHSV, called “Joint Venture,” to transport its crew and cargo across the Pacific.

“An impressive ship, the JHSV is capable of transporting approximately 20 C17 loads of cargo, at speeds of 40 knots, to a distance of 3,000 miles,” said Capt. Samuel Clonch, commander, 544th Trans. Det. “At (more than) 300 feet long and 90 feet at the beam, the

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8th TSC, 25th ID represent Army in Hawaii at AUSA

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FORT SHAFTER – For the second consecutive year, the 8th Theater Sustainment Command and the 25th Infantry Division represented the U.S. Army-Pacific at the 57th Association of the U.S. Army’s 2011 Annual Meeting and Exposition, in Washington, Oct. 10-12.

“The purpose of the 8th TSC’s attendance was to broadcast our capabilities and show what the 8th TSC is all about,” said Sgt. Maj. Lisa Williams, operations sergeant major, 8th TSC. “It was an opportunity to get our name out there, because we are a fairly young organization. We were able to show everyone what we do within the Pacific theater.”

All four of USARPAC’s theater arenas were represented: Hawaii, Alaska, Korea and Japan. Representatives performed special cultural demonstrations to wow the crowd and promote their units. Korea brought its traveling Tai Kwon Do team, Alaska presented a slideshow, Japan provided a sword demonstration and 8th TSC showcased Hawaiian music with traditional hula dancers.

“It was a great show and a great opportunity,” Williams said. “This was my first time to (go to) the AUSA, and it was a little overwhelming, but a lot of fun.”

Using 703,000 square feet of display space, the AUSA annual meeting is one of the largest land/warfare expositions and professional development forums in the world.

The meeting consists of informative presentations, panel discussions on pertinent military and national security subjects, workshops and important AUSA business meetings. This year’s three-day event included more than 600 industry and military exhibits.

Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Army

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Shamonique Muai, a performer representing Hawaii for USARPAC, performs a traditional Hawaiian hula for spectators during the 57th AUSA’s 2011 Annual Meeting and Exposition, in Washington, recently.

Legislation could expand Reserve role in homeland security mission

Changes to Title 10 are discussed at AUSA

J.D. LEIPOLD
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Congress is considering legislation to provide the Army Reserve with broader authority to call up troops for homeland security and also allow the force to deploy units for operations lasting 120 days or less.

Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief, Army Reserve, said the legislation would grant authority to call up as many as 60,000 reservists, per year, from all services, for unnamed contingencies, both inside and outside the country.

He spoke about the proposed expansion of Title 10 authority following a seminar at the Association of the U.S. Army’s Annual Meeting and Ex-

position, here, Oct. 11.

“For homeland use, current law says you can only use your Title 10 Reserve in the homeland in instances of weapons of mass destruction,” Stultz said, adding that the Army Reserve isn’t trying to insert itself or replace the National Guard.

“There should be a logical progression, just like there is now, where local civil authorities respond; then the governor calls up the National Guard. And in 90 percent of the cases, that’s all that’s needed, but in that other 10 percent, where the state needs federal help, we’d be available with a lot of needed expertise,” Stultz said.

Additionally, the Army Reserve has sought the Title 10 change to allow it

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Sgt. Jesus J. Aranda | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Casing colors

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq — Lt. Col. Mark Bacon (right), commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Sean Branham (second from right), senior enlisted leader, both with the 303rd Ordnance Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, case the battalion’s colors during a ceremony held, here, Oct. 22. The battalion was deployed for 12 months in support of Operation New Dawn.

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Defender 6 sends Army Family Covenant commitment endures

LT. GEN. RICK LYNCH
Commander, Installation Management Command

WASHINGTON – Four years ago, the Army announced the Army Family Covenant, or AFC, which promised to provide Soldiers and families a quality of life commensurate with their service.

To help Soldiers and families stressed by years of war, the Army substantially increased funding for programs in areas such as Soldier and family services, behavioral health, housing, child care, education and employment.

Today, headlines about defense budget cuts are prompting people to ask whether the Army is going to keep its promises.

The short answer is yes. Leaders change and situations change, but the Army's commitment to Soldiers and families endures.

Under the AFC, the Army developed and enhanced a range of programs that build Soldier and family strength, resilience and readiness. These programs include Survivor Outreach Services; Child, Youth and School Services; the Military Spouse Employment Program; Strong Bonds; and the Wounded Warriors Sports Program.

The Army has also provided new and renovated housing for thousands of families and single Soldiers, and it has constructed more than 150 new child care and youth centers. The Army has increased the number of Military Family Life Consultants (who provide confidential non-medical counseling for Soldiers and families) and the number of behavioral health care providers (who provide services before, during and after deployment).

Under the AFC, the Army has worked hard to reach the whole Army family, including geographically dispersed Soldiers and family members. The Army supports a number of services away from installations, such as community-based child care and Army National Guard Family Assistance Centers, and provides Army OneSource, which enables 24/7 access to information and services, regardless of location.

The AFC has been the catalyst for enhancing and standardizing the quality of support for Soldiers and families. Now is the time to ensure our investment has made a difference in the lives of Soldiers and families.

Program review has been built into the

AFC from day one. It has always been part of the AFC plan to assess program effectiveness, to consolidate and make adjustments, and to ensure there is no overlap or gaps between programs.

The current fiscal situation does not change our course, but it does put more gas in our tank. It intensifies the need to streamline and make sure we continue to provide the most valuable programs.

For the programs under the AFC um-

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— Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Commander, IMCOM

brella, the majority of which are run by Installation Management Command, customer feedback is a critical part of our ongoing evaluation. We gather customer feedback by looking at which services are used most often and by asking customers about their experiences through focus groups and surveys.

We will be asking for feedback again in January, with the Army OneSource AFC survey, when Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees will receive a survey on their needs, usage and satisfaction with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. I urge everyone to take this and every other opportunity

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- Read about the local AFC resigning on page B-1.

to tell us about the programs and services that are valuable to you. Your feedback impacts decisions about programming.

Like every other government organization, every business and every family, we are taking a close look at our use of resources during this time of fiscal uncertainty. We have to determine the most efficient, most effective ways to reach out to the entire Army family and provide support in the areas of greatest need. But we are starting from a clear, non-negotiable bottom line: The Army will keep its promise to Soldiers and families. Support and Defend. Defender 6.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

God sustains those who trust him

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) FLORIO F. PIERRE
25th Infantry Division Rear Detachment and Family Life Chaplain

People may ask where God is during these economic woes.

God is there. God is here.



Pierre

We need to trust God for sustenance, to supply us with the necessities of life.

Trusting in God will get us through these financial and economic crises, just like Elijah triumphed in the Biblical story

found in 1 Kings, chapter 17.

Trust in God's provision.
A raven fed Elijah, but it wasn't just any raven. God had sent it. Although not every raven is sent by God and not every supplier is God's supplier, there is no one that can supply like God. He provides in hard times and in good times.

Trust God's word.

The story in 1 Kings, chapter 17, depicts that trusting in God's word is just a matter of obedience. God fed Elijah

through a raven and a brook, until it dried up. Then God told Elijah to move to Zarephath, which is near Jerusalem, a distance of about 10 miles.

Elijah was hot and tired. God told him that halfway through his journey he would pass the Dead Sea, and although there was water there, it would not satisfy his thirst.

In Jerusalem, God said he would provide a widow to sustain Elijah.

God is saying to us, today, there may be an economic crisis in the land, but he will keep us in perfect peace and steer us in the right direction to stay healthy and survive. Trusting in God's word has never been more important than it is now.

Lastly, trust in God.

In times like these, we need to exercise our faith and trust God. Elijah maintained his faith and remained obedient to God. When he entered the city, he met the widow just like God said he would.

Whether there is enough money in the bank or not, God wants to be our sustainer of life when we are in need and when we have abundance. In all things, God wants a relationship with us built on trust.

Ask the Garrison Commander!

Mulbury addresses construction, teen activities and housing



Mulbury

COL. DOUGLAS MULBURY
Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

The “Ask the Garrison Commander” program allows Soldiers, civilians and family members to present concerns and recommend outcomes.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii directorates and support staff research queries and provide responses to me, which are monitored by a customer management team.

A sampling of these questions that have community-wide impact are published in the Hawaii Army Weekly.

Submit questions via the Ask the Garrison Commander email address and through the USAG-HI web link at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/comments/contactgc.aspx. Time-sensitive concerns should be directed to the Interactive Customer Evaluation system at ice.disa.mil.

Q: *I would like to know why the track at Stoneman Stadium is being torn down? Without access to this area, there will be 115 kids trying to practice at Wyatt Field, and as a result, they won't have any real track experience until the day of the meet. Couldn't the demolition work wait until the end of the season when the track is not being used as much? The children have also noticed the dedication sign at the skate park by the stadium has been removed. Are there plans for the skate park to be renovated as well?*

A: The Stoneman Field complex is undergoing a major renovation. When completed, the fields will all be new. An additional softball field will be added, and other amenities will be incorporated.

This non-appropriated funds construction project to replace the antiquated athletic venues was initiated in late 1980, redesigned a number of times and finally funded in fiscal year 2010.

It is unfortunate that the demolition phase of this project will interfere with Child, Youth and School Services' sports, but the demolition phase of this project must begin due to funding availability and fiscal year execution requirements.

While this project will affect the track program, it will also impact the sports programs involving our active duty Soldiers and force our soccer and flag football programs to use other fields throughout the installation. As well, it will force the 22 active duty softball teams on Schofield Barracks to travel to Fort Shafter to participate in that intramural program.

The end results, however, will be a much-improved and modern facility for everyone.

Unfortunately, our plans to include a skate park were not approved by the State Historical Preservation Office. Although our Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has no current plans to construct a replacement skate park on Schofield Barracks, Island Palm Communities does have a skate park in the Porter Community Center area, which can be used by all children.

Q: *The Simpson Wisser neighborhood at Fort Shafter has three playgrounds for children, but no place in the area where our teens can play basketball or even sit down. Is it possible for the garrison to contribute funding to the construction of a gazebo where our teens could congregate? We have several teens in the area who belong to the JROTC program at Moanalua High School who would be willing to volunteer to help with this project.*

A: Since your request involves an area that falls within IPC's footprint, our housing partner would have the responsibility for approving and constructing any additional amenities of this nature.

After discussing this matter with IPC, I was informed it currently has no funds budgeted for this type of project. However, the manager mentioned that an Eagle Scout group had partnered with IPC to install benches along a path in another community, and this type of partnership may be an option worth pursuing in your community or with JROTC.

With respect to teen-appropriate activities, DFMWR's Middle School/Teen Program is a comprehensive, supervised program, targeting youth in grades 6-12, who are generally between the ages of 11-18. It provides fun and safe recreational opportunities that assist with the development of eligible youth outside school hours. It also offers a wide range of positive options that promote healthy youth development and helps ease their transition into adulthood.

Q: *I would like to know why, even though I am now living in Helemano Military Reservation on a month-to-month lease, that I cannot move into another unit of the same size, onto Schofield Barracks. I was told that if I wanted to move into another unit, I needed to either have another child or move off post and put myself on the waitlist.*

A: To be eligible for a move to another home, a Soldier must have experienced an increase in the size of his or her family, where an additional bedroom is required; he or she must have been promoted to a senior rank, E6 to E7; or the Soldier converted from enlisted to officer. All community centers have copies of the "Move Over" policy. If you feel you meet the aforementioned criteria, call your community center manager at 275-3780.

To submit an “Ask the Commander” question, send an email to AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil. For more information, call Rosie Stone (655-9033) at USAG-HI's Customer Relations Team, or call Aiko Brum (656-3155) at USAG-HI Public Affairs Office.

Halloween is Oct. 31.

What is your best Halloween memory?

Photos by 84th Engineer Battalion Public Affairs, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command



“Seeing our battalion commander, Lt. Col. Jerry Farnsworth, getting into the spirit and dressing up as a gladiator.”

Kerri Chase
Family member



“Every Halloween is great. It's one of my favorite holidays.”

Matthew Chase
Commander, 561st Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC



“When my husband and I dressed up as Don King and Mike Tyson.”

Kim Farnsworth
Family member



“My 21st birthday falls on Halloween this year.”

Kaitlain Lacaille
Family member



“Collecting all the candy as a kid.”

Spc. Danielle Robinson
643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC

Voices of Ohana

544th: Unit still prepared to answer the call of duty

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JHSV is among the largest of the Army’s watercraft.”

An extremely flexible vessel, Joint Venture is rapidly reconfigurable and can perform a variety of missions, including the ability to ferry up to 325 combat personnel and 400 tons of cargo, Clonch added.

As the unit deactivated, its colors were cased to signify the completion of

a season within the lineage of the unit and also represent a new beginning for the Soldiers who faithfully rallied behind it. Their victories and failures, the memories of comrades lost and eternal friendships gained, none of which will be forgotten, are represented in the casing of the unit’s guidon.

“The detachment will case its guidon, but will always be prepared to be called back to service in support of future operations,” Carter said.



Sgt. 1st Class Eric Montgomery (right), detachment sergeant, and Capt. Samuel Clonch, commander, both with 544th Trans. Det., 545th Trans. Co., 524th CSSB, 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, case the unit’s guidon during its deactivation ceremony at Missing Man Field, JBPHH, Oct. 21.



Sgt. 1st Class Michael Seymour, postal supervisor, 8th HRSC, 8th TSC, inspects incoming mail during his training on how to manage and operate a postal program, at the Schofield Barracks Post Office, recently.

8th TSC maintains vital role to help deployed forces stay, keep in touch

Story and Photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — More than 30 Soldiers from the Human Resources Sustainment Center, 8th Theater Sust. Command, went through extensive training on how to manage and operate a postal program, here, recently.

The training taught Soldiers the rules and laws on how to move and deliver personal mail in deployed environments and across the battlefield.

Mail and postal operations play a vital role in the daily lives of any person, but to Soldiers deployed to a foreign land, it could be the lynchpin of their day, week or entire month. For this reason, the role of the mailroom and its packages are key to a Soldiers’ morale,

according to Sgt. 1st Class Michael Seymour, HRSC.

“I believe we play a major part,” Seymour said, “because our job as postal inspectors is to ensure that the post offices downrange, to include garrison’s, are doing their jobs as far as delivering the mail on time to those Soldiers.

“I believe my job is very important, because if we don’t put down the laws in reference to postal, things can go crazy, packages go missing (and) mail is sent wrong,” he continued.

Many Soldiers serving in Afghanistan and other remote areas are not always able to readily and easily jump on the Internet to talk to their friends and families. The mail is their only connection to home.

Mail deadlines

Deadlines for deployed Soldiers to receive mail by Dec. 25 are Nov. 12 for parcel post mail; Nov. 26 for space-available mail; Dec. 3 for parcel airlift mail; Dec. 10 for priority mail and first-class mail, letters and cards; and Dec. 17 for Express Mail Military Service.

“I feel like I am the link between the Soldiers and their families,” says Capt. Jerry Lupo, HRSC. “Nothing is more rewarding than knowing you put a smile on someone’s face, because you don’t know what they are going through. To be able to do that is rewarding.”

News Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

29 / Saturday
National Prescription Take Back Initiative — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii is supporting this event that encourages everyone to turn in unused or expired medications for safe, anonymous disposal, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Oct. 29.

Soldiers, family members and Army civilians with base access can dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs at the following locations:

- Schofield Barracks Exchange, inside, near flower shop.
- Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, main lobby, 4725 Bouganville Dr., Honolulu.
- Marine Corps Exchange, front of Exchange, Kaneohe Bay.

The off-post population can drop off medications at the following locations:

- Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St., Honolulu.
- Windward Mall, center court area, 46-056 Kamehameha Hwy., Kaneohe.
- Kahala Mall, inside mall and Kileaua Ave. end, 4211 Waialae Ave., Honolulu.
- Town Center of Mililani, bandstand area, 95-1249 Meheula Parkway, Mililani.
- Kapolei Police Station, parking lot, 1100 Kamokila Blvd., Kapolei.

Visit www.justice.gov/dea or call 541-1930.

31 / Monday
Education Counseling Services — On the last workday of each month, the Schofield Barracks Army Education Center and the Fort Shafter/Tripler Army Medical Center Education complexes will curtail Army guidance counselor services, 1-5 p.m., to allow for employee training. Call 655-0800.

Commissary Parking Lot Closure — Portions of the Schofield Barracks Commissary Parking Lot will be closed due to waterline valve replacement, Oct. 31-Nov. 18. Also, water will be shut down, affecting Building

3321, First Hawaiian Bank, Nov. 8-9. Call 656-2525.

November
1 / Tuesday
Holiday Exchange Refunds — For items purchased between Nov. 1-Dec. 24, Schofield Exchange shoppers can return or exchange those items through Jan. 31. If a shopper requests a refund with a sales receipt, a refund will be made in the original tender used. If a customer requests a refund without a sales receipt, the refund amount is will be loaded onto an Exchange gift card. Call 423-7694.

2 / Wednesday
PXmarket and Hale Ikena Advisory Meeting — This meeting for the Oahu South Community is 10:15-11:15 a.m., Nov. 2, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Call 438-0428.

7 / Monday
APEC — Oahu residents should plan ahead and prepare for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit, Nov. 7-13, in Honolulu. Security restrictions will be in force at the Hawaii Convention Center, the Hale Koa Hotel and the Ihilani Resort.

People who live or work in these areas can visit www.honolulu.gov for security restrictions and maps that show where roadways and parking may be affected during APEC, as well as detour routes for certain city buses.

10 / Thursday
TARP Training — The Threat Awareness and Reporting Program, or TARP training, is held every Thursday at 9 a.m. The next training session is Nov. 10, Kaiser Auditorium, Tripler Army Medical Center. Call 655-1306/9501.

For a complete listing of training dates and locations, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil, click “Post Information,” then “Community Calendar.”

Space-A Flights — The 735th Air Mobility Squadron Passenger Terminal at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be closed to passengers Nov. 11-14. Access will be restricted. For Space-A sign-up and contact information during the closure, visit www.15wing.af.mil/units/735thams.

16 / Wednesday
Native American Indian Heritage Observance — Soldiers, civilians and families are invited to this event, 10-11:30 a.m., Nov. 16, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Guest speaker is Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel of the Chickasaw Indian Nation in Oklahoma and president, National Congress of American Indians. Email tiffany.a.johnson3@usarmy.mil or call your unit’s equal opportunity advisor.

Ongoing

CFC — Hawaii-Pacific’s annual Combined Federal Campaign, or CFC, runs through Nov.18. The campaign supports and promotes philanthropy through a voluntary program that is employee-focused, cost efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Call your unit or section representative or visit www.cfc-hawaii.org or www.opm.gov/cfc.

Resiliency Training — Families Overcoming Under Stress, or FOCUS, offers resiliency training for Army families. During individual family sessions, families can learn skills to improve communication and identify strategies for dealing with deployment reminders. Training services are free of charge to military; confidential sessions are available during family-friendly hours.

Call 257-7774 or email hawaii@focusproject.org.



The opening ceremony at the AUSA’s 2011 Annual Meeting and Exposition featured guest speakers such as the Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno.

AUSA: Conference showcases Army growth

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Chief of Staff Raymond Odierno, along with other senior Army and Department of Defense representatives, gave presentations on the state of the Army and related defense subjects.

Each year, more than 38,000 attendees, including senior leaders from the Army, DOD, Congress and foreign dignitaries, participate in the event. The conference provides a unique opportunity to showcase defense industry products and services to key decision makers, discover new developments in defense technology and meet with colleagues from the worldwide defense community.

The theme for this year’s conference was “Perseverance.”

“Our Army has exhibited this quality time and time again, after 236 years of service to this great nation, as it confronted the numerous challenges that faced it,” said retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, president and chief operating officer, AUSA.

During the conference’s opening ceremony, McHugh mentioned current issues, including the economy and defense budget. He spoke of tough times ahead, but commended the AUSA’s commitment to the “young men and women of the U.S. Army who committed and re-committed themselves to defending this great nation after the attacks on our shores.”

McHugh concluded, “Thank you for your partnership in the path ahead. Thank you for all that you’ve done in support of these amazing men and women in uniform and their families. God bless America, and God bless this incredible Army that keeps it safe.”

Online language training ups the ante on promotion points

C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers can now earn up to 16 promotion points for completing language instruction with the Headstart2 language training program.

Headstart2 software uses digitally animated characters involved in military scenarios to teach reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in any of 16 target languages.

Soldiers must register for an Army Training Requirements and Resources System account, or ATTRS, to earn points in any of those target languages.

“It gives a Soldier, a Marine, an Airman, a Sailor or a civilian — who doesn’t have background in the language — a fairly decent understanding of the culture, a basic understanding of the sound and script, and what we would describe as survival-level language,” said Col. Darnal Pick, commandant, Defense Language Institute, or DLI.

Pick said the program teaches a “military-focused vocabulary,” designed with requirements from both the Army and the Marine Corps, to help Soldiers and Marines complete the types of missions they will be engaged in during deployments.

He said, specifically, focus is on conducting pa-

trols, cordon and search, medical treatment, and “interrogatives and vocabulary that allow squads of Soldiers and Marines to ask critical survival-type questions in local populations, as well as (to) have an understanding of culture.”

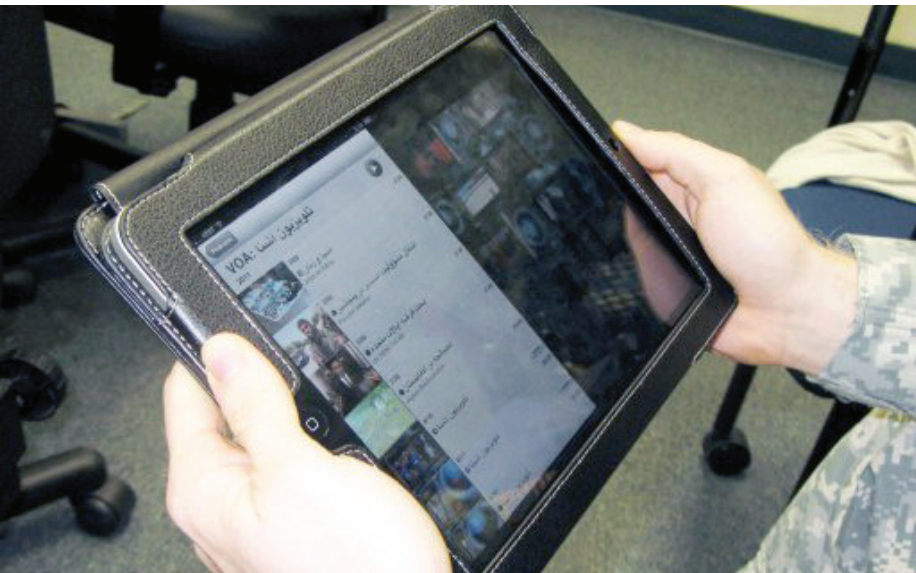
Being able to engage effectively with local populations, Pick said, enables Soldiers and Marines to “identify and isolate enemy elements in a population and more effectively deliver aid and development to friendly forces.”

The language program takes between 80 and 100 hours of self-directed study. The language programs can be downloaded or accessed online through the DLI website or through service-specific portals, like Army Knowledge Online. Soldiers without access to a high-speed network can also order the disks directly from DLI.

The 16 languages include Iraqi Arabic, Pashto, Dari, Urdu, Persian Farsi, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese European, Russian, French, German, Spanish, Uzbek, Kurmanji, Swahili and Portuguese Brazilian.

Soldiers who complete the Headstart2 program in these languages can get up to 16 promotion points.

“When a Soldier completes Headstart2, he or she gets credit in ATRRS, which not only tells the unit commander, at a glance, who has or has not completed pre-deployment language and



Courtesy Photo

New software applications for mobile devices, like the iPad pictured above, are helping students at the DLI in Monterey, Calif. In addition, Soldiers worldwide can now earn promotion points by taking the online Headstart2 language learning program developed by DLI.

Between June 2010 and June 2011, some 33,000 individuals used the Dari language program to train for deployment to Afghanistan.

Reserve: Change to rotationl cycle would increase deployment dwell time

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to support operations that are usually 90- to 120-day deployments with one unit for the entire duration, rather than two or three units in that same period of time.

The Reserve is also looking at creating an operational reserve of about 25,000 Soldiers, of

which 5,000 could be pulled, trained and ready whenever the country needed them. This change would keep the rotational cycle ideal at one year out, four years back, Stultz said.

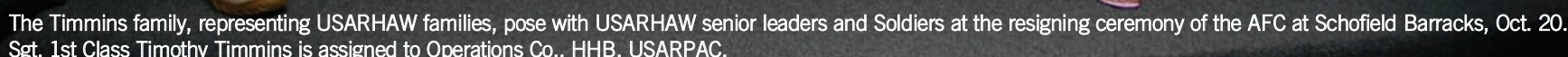
Presently, the rotational cycles for the majority of units are about 12 months out and 42 months back. He said some units, such as aviation units, are still high demand in Afghanistan, while oth-

ers, like logistics units, are coming down from Iraq. As budgets shrink and the force becomes smaller, Soldier standards will be more closely looked at, he said, and leaders are concerned with the possibility of automatic budget cuts that would kick in if there’s no agreement on the \$1.5 trillion deficit reduction.

“If sequestration kicks in, we don’t want to end

up doing what we’ve done in the past, where we focus on how to get people off the rolls, not which people off the rolls,” he said. “We don’t want to ‘incentivize’ the wrong people to leave the service.

“We need to upgrade the standards, and if you can’t get there, you can’t stay in,” Stultz continued. “We can make room for those we want to keep.”



Issues that can't be resolved at the MACOM level are then forwarded to the Department of the Army. There, issues will either be identified as active, completed or unattainable. Results are published and distributed Armywide.



Today
Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet – Enjoy a local Hawaiian cuisine buffet for \$10.95 at the Hale Ikena at Fort Shafter or Nehelani at Schofield Barracks. Call 438-1974 for Hale Ikena or 655-4466 for Nehelani.

"The Rocky Horror Show" – Army Community Theatre performances of this live musical are Oct. 28, 29 and 31, at the Tropics Warrior Zone, Schofield Barracks.
 Doors open at 7 p.m., with a preshow at 7:30; the show starts at 8 p.m. Purchase tickets for \$15 at the door, online at www.hiwmr.com or at Army Leisure Travel Services. Beverages and pub food will be available. No one under the age of 18 will be admitted. Call 438-4480.
 See additional photos and videos of the cast at www.flickr.com/usaghawaii.

Friday Night Entertainment Series – Enjoy live entertainment each Friday night at Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks. From Latin and hip-hop to open mic night, there's something for everyone. Call 655-0664.

29 / Saturday
Stand-up Paddleboard Lessons – Learn to paddleboard with Outdoor Recreation, 6:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Oct. 29. Cost is \$54. Call 655-0143.

31 / Monday
Free Hula Classes – The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI, welcomes all Soldiers and families to participate in free hula classes. Beginner classes are 5-6 p.m.; advanced classes are 6-7 p.m. Call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.
 Classes are held the following days and locations:
 •Mondays, Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks.
 •Tuesdays, AMR Community Center.
ESL – English as a Second Language classes are 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, through Nov. 21, at ACS, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4227.

November
1 / Tuesday
Knit & Crochet Workshop – Bring your yarn, tools and works in progress to the library. All sessions are 5-6:30 p.m. Location and dates follow:



Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

29 / Saturday
Women's Celebration – This annual Distinctive Women in Hawaiian History program is 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 29, at the Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu. Register at www.DistinctiveWomenHawaii.org.

Celebrate Kaimuki – This annual street fair and festival is 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 29, Waialae Avenue, between Koko Head, 11th Avenue and Kaimuki Community Park. It features 150 vendor booths and live entertainment. Visit www.CelebrateKaimuki.com.

Splendor of China – Hawaii's annual Chinese festival is 10 a.m.-9 p.m., daily, Oct. 29-30, at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave., Honolulu. It features food, vendors and entertainment from Hawaii and Shanghai. Visit facebook.com/SplendorOfChina.

November
1 / Tuesday
I Got the Power! – Put your knowledge of energy conservation to the test and take part in IPC's new trivia contest and get a chance to win an AAFES \$20 gift care. Visit

•Fort Shafter Library, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6; call 438-9521.
 •AMR Library, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19; call 839-2821.

2 / Wednesday
Texas Hold 'em – Test your poker playing skills, 6 p.m., Nov. 2, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Enjoy great food and drink specials while playing for great prizes. Call 438-1974.

Kids Meal – Every Wednesday night, keiki under 10 can eat for \$1.99 at Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks, or at Mulligan's Bar and Grill, Fort Shafter.

3 / Thursday
Theater Thursdays – Learn the basics of stage acting in a theater program for teens (12-18) and adults, 4-5:30 p.m., Nov. 3. Call 655-8002.

Texas Hold 'em – This free monthly tournament starts at 6 p.m., Nov. 3, at the Tropics Warrior Zone, Schofield Barracks. All ID card holders 18 and older are welcome. Call 655-5698.

4 / Friday
Right Arm Night – This event is Nov. 4, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. It features country music, southern-style barbecue and a Texas Hold 'em poker tournament. Purchase tickets in advance for \$5 at the Hale Ikena, or for \$8 at the door. Call 438-1974.

5 / Saturday
Ladies Golf Clinic – Leilehua Golf Course holds a free ladies golf clinic, 1:30-3 p.m., every first Saturday of the month. Call 655-4653.

Cosmic Bowling – Cosmic Bowling starts at 3 p.m., Saturdays, at Schofield Barracks Bowling Center, and at 1 p.m., Sundays, at Fort Shafter Bowling Center. Call Schofield at 655-0573 or Fort Shafter at 438-6733.

2012 NFL Pro Bowl Presale – Tickets will go on sale at the Schofield Barracks Army Leisure Travel Services office, Nov. 5. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit six tickets per person on the first day of sale.
 Ticket purchaser must have a military ID card and be 18 years of age or older. Purchasers must be in line; no stand-ins are allowed. Call 655-9971.

6 / Sunday
Play To Win – Prove you're the ultimate fan by testing your Operation Rising Star knowledge and sharing your stats with friends. Weekly prizes include gift cards, iPod Touches and MP3 players. Grand prize is a trip to Hollywood and the Grammy's with the 2011 Rising Star winner. Contest ends Nov. 6. Visit www.armymwr.com.

www.IslandPalmCommunities.com and click on "I Got the Power."

4 / Friday
Kapolei Carnival – Enjoy local entertainment, carnival rides and games throughout the weekend at the Kapolei Carnival, corner of Farrington Highway and Fort Barrett Road in Kapolei. Times and dates are 6-11 p.m., Nov. 4; noon-11 p.m., Nov. 5; and noon-9 p.m., Nov. 6. Buy tickets from Ticketmaster, Walmart or on location. Visit www.ekfernandez.com.

Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale – Features baby clothes, quilts, jewelry and baked goods, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 4, Kuakini Health System, Hale Pulama Mau Auditorium, 347 N. Kuakini St., Honolulu. Call 547-9168 or visit www.kuakini.org.

5 / Saturday
Holiday Craft Fair – Shop for holiday gifts at this event, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 5, Leilehua High School, 1515 California Ave., Wahiawa. Highlights include craft vendors, farmers market, family fun zone and entertainment.

Kaimuki Craft and Gift Fair – This event is 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 5, Aliolani Elementary School, 1240 7th Ave., Kaimuki, and it features more than 150 vendors. Call 683-6064.

6 / Sunday
Trash and Treasure Craft Fair – This fundraiser for the Center for Asian and Pacific Arts is 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 6, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, 5th floor ballroom, 2454 S. Beretania St., Honolulu. This event features unique clothing and accessories, Asian collectibles, ceramics, holiday gift items and donated collectibles. Call

AFTB: Army Family Team Building
 AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
 BCT: Brigade Combat Team
 BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
 Co.: Company
 CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services



Sgt. Terrance Bandy | Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

A big hello
 SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Derrick Rose (left), guard for the Chicago Bulls, greets a formation of Soldiers at the Warrior Transition Battalion during a meet-and-greet event, here, Monday, as part of the USO's Hoops for Troops tour of U.S. Army-Hawaii. Rose joined seven other National Basketball Association players on the tour, Oct. 23-28.

Ongoing

Pool Closures – HMR Pool is closed through May 30; AMR Pool is closed through May 28.
 TAMC and Richardson pools at Schofield Barracks are open year-round. Richardson Pool operating hours will be reduced until Feb. 28. Visit www.himwr.com for specific hours of operation.
Adult Sports – Men and women can register for intramural racquetball, basketball, volleyball and triathlons. Women can also register for soccer. For intramurals, call 655-8056; for All-Army Sports, call 655-9914. Visit www.himwr.com.

No-Show Policy – Blue Star Card holders who register for an event and can't attend need to cancel their reservation by noon the day before the event. Without cancellation, BSC holders will be considered no-shows, resulting in being placed on a wait list for the following month's events. Email amanda.p.montgomery@us.army.mil.

Vehicle Safety Inspection – Don't forget to check your vehicle inspection sticker located on your vehicle's right rear bumper to see if it's about to expire or already has. No appointment is necessary. Call Fort Shafter's Auto Skills Center at 438-9402 or Schofield Barracks at 655-9368.

Veterans Day events planned

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Veterans Day, the annual American holiday honoring military veterans, is observed Nov. 11, the anniversary of the end of World War I's major hostilities.

The following events are scheduled:

11 / Friday

Kilauea Military Camp Veterans Day Ceremony, 3-4 p.m., Nov. 11, Big Island. Park admission is free. All active duty personnel, retirees and veterans who attend the ceremony can enjoy a free buffet, 4:30-8 p.m., at the Crater Rim Café. RSVP in advance at 967-8371.

Battleship Missouri Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Nov. 11. Event is free and open to the public with advance reservations. RSVP at www.ussmissouri.org.

Veterans Day Concert at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 11,

S. Beretania Street at Alakea/Queen Emma streets, Honolulu. Concert includes the Honolulu Symphony Chorus and Hawaii Pacific University's International Vocal Ensemble. Performance is Haydn's Mass in D minor ("Lord Nelson Mass"). Visit www.oahuchoral.com.

19 / Saturday

Patriot Run/Walk, 8 a.m., Nov. 19, at the Waterfront at Puuloa, 5105 Iroquois Ave., Ewa Beach. All proceeds will benefit the U.S. Vets Initiative in Kalaeloa for homeless veterans. Early registration deadline is Nov. 12. Late race entries will be accepted on race morning. Visit www.patriotrunhawaii.com.

536-4566.

Hula Festival – This international hula festival is 5 p.m., daily, Nov. 10-12, at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. Visit www.WorldHula.com.

16 / Wednesday
Turkey Trot – Deadline to register online for this event is 4:30 p.m., Nov. 16. This 10K race starts at 7 a.m., Nov. 19, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The race will start and finish at Pop Warner Field and is open to the public.

18 / Friday
5K Turkey Trot – The 500th Military Intelligence Brigade will host a 5K and a one-mile run/walk at Kalaeloa Airport (Naval Air Station Barbers Point). The keiki's one-mile fun run starts at 9:30 a.m., with the 5K starting immediately after. To register and for entry fee details, email either merimine.clarke@us.army.mil or jessica.bode1@us.army.mil. Late registrations will be taken but are not guaranteed T-shirts after Nov. 4.
 This event is open to the public.

Worship Services

Additional religious services, children's programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on "Religious Support Office" under the "Directorates and Support Staff" menu).

AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
 FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
 HMR: Helemano Chapel
 MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
 PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
 SC: Soldiers' Chapel, Schofield Barracks
 TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
 WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services
 •First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
 •Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass
 •Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
 •Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF and FD
 •Sunday services:
 – 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 –10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 –11 a.m. at TAMC
 •Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship
 •Sunday, noon. at MPC
 •Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study
 •Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
 •Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
 •Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)
 •Monday, 6 p.m. at PH (Bible Study)
 •Friday, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:15 a.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)
 •Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex

Protestant Worship
 •Sunday Services
 –9 a.m. at FD, MPC and TAMC chapels
 –9 a.m. at WAAF chapel, Lutheran/Episcopalian
 –10 a.m. at HMR
 –10:30 a.m. at AMR

Single Soldiers' Bible Study
 •Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at SC; lunch is provided.

Worship Service
 •Sunday, 6 p.m. at SC.

This Week at the

MOVIES

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Memorial Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under reeltime movie listing.

Cars 2

(G)
 Fri., Oct. 28, 6 p.m.

IF IT WERE EASY, MEN WOULD DO IT TOO.
 sarah jessica parker

I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE DOES IT

PG
 Fri., Oct. 28, 8:30 p.m.

The Smurfs

(PG-13)
 Sat., Oct. 29, 4 p.m.

Contagion

(PG-13)
 Sat., Oct. 29, 7 p.m.
 Wed., Nov. 2, 7 p.m.
 Thurs., Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World

(PG)
 Sun., Oct. 30, 2 p.m.

8th TSC volunteers earn top honors

SGT. GAELN LOWERS
8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Volunteers from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command were recognized for their efforts during the Volunteer of the Quarter awards ceremony, here, Oct. 21.

Brittany Peacock, a spouse in the 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th TSC, and Elijah Hindbaugh, a military family member in 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, received the Adult and Child Volunteer of the Quarter awards, respectively, from Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th TSC.

Peacock and Hindbaugh were recognized because of their extensive work with the unit and their combined volunteering of more than 150 hours of personal time this quarter.

Peacock ensured the family readiness group contact roster was 100-percent accurate, and she also coordinated more than five FRG meetings, two of which were specifically geared toward spouses in a question-and-answer format. This event allowed spouses to ask any questions

they had regarding the unit's deployment and its two-month training rotation at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

Peacock also worked with multiple spouses who experienced family issues ranging from Red Cross messages to housing and finance problems.

On the day of the unit's deployment, she worked logistics to ensure availability of refreshments, chairs and shade for family members who were present to say goodbye to their loved ones.

Thanks to her hard work and dedication, the unit's families were well prepared and educated for the yearlong deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Hindbaugh serves as a FRG program assistant and a volunteer with the Aliamanu Military Reservation's Catholic community. He spent most of his fall break volunteering at the FRG resource center and distributed food and beverages to more than 150 parishioners.



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Brittany Peacock (center), adult volunteer of the quarter, 8th TSC; poses with Command Sgt. Maj. Nathan Hunt (far left), senior enlisted leader, 8th TSC; and his wife, Rosylan; Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry (far right), commander, 8th TSC; and his wife, Cathy, during the 8th TSC's Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony at Fort Shafter, Oct. 21.

AFAP: Delegates present quality-of-life issues to USARHAW leaders

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configured in a u-shape, similar to Smith's arrangement.

Delegates, some volunteers and others selected, represented the Army family: single and married active duty Soldiers, the Army National Guard, family members, retirees and Army civilians from throughout U.S. Army-Hawaii.

Smith, who works as a diving instructor for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation, said that he noticed more Soldier delegates this time, than during other AFAP conferences in the past.

"We usually have a higher concentration of spouses," he said. "Getting more Soldiers shows that the units are supporting the program."

The AFAP delegates are the face of USARHAW; they come from 25th Infantry Division; 8th Theater Sustainment Command; U.S. Army-Pacific; 311th Signal Command; 196th Infantry Brigade, USARPAC; 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command; Tripler Army Medical Center; 500th Military Intelligence Brigade; and other units and activities.

During the conference, delegates sorted through and prioritized local issues submitted by community members.

Past issues that have resulted in local improvements include construction of a handicap access ramp at the Schofield Barracks Post Office and establishment of a DFMWR pet kennel on Oahu.

Recommendations presented at the closing ceremony, here, Oct. 20, follow:

Issue: Security in Off-Post Privatized Housing Communities.

- Designate privatized off-post housing communities as military installations, and afford them the same level of security as on-post housing.
- Install automated security access gates with video monitor-

ing for all privatized off-post housing communities.

- Increase roving patrols and use random access measures in the off-post housing communities.

Issue: No Coin-Operated Laundry.

- Provide an Exchange-managed, coin-operated laundry facility on Schofield Barracks or Wheeler Army Airfield.
- Supply an adequate amount of standard-sized and industrial-strength washers and dryers.

Issue: Accessibility to Family Members' Immunization Records.

- Improve the timeliness of dependents' medical information, to include immunizations, being updated/uploaded into the Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application.
- Ensure that paper records and AHLTA are updated during in-processing and out-processing.
- Enable Soldiers and spouses to view and print their minors' records for immunizations and physicals online.

Issue: Commissary on Schofield Barracks is Inadequate.

- Require the Schofield Barracks Commissary to inspect ID cards at the door and at the checkout – to limit commissary access. Only allow one guest per military ID cardholder with Commissary privileges over the age of 18.

Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, USARPAC, who attended the report-out, agreed with the recommendation. USAG-HI is currently coordinating the policy change with Commissary management.

- Reduce the number of special-category personnel (non-handicapped) parking spaces and clearly mark all exits doors in the commissary.
- Expand or build a new Commissary on Schofield Barracks that can adequately serve the current/projected population.

Teen AFAP Conference

Teens representing USARHAW conducted a one-day Teen AFAP Conference, here, Oct. 15.

The teen event was a mini-version of USAG-HI's FY 2012 AFAP Conference, where 14 teens hashed out issues that affect their community.

At day's end, they selected the following issues and recommendations to formally present at the closing conference ceremony:

Issue: A Viable Teen Establishment.

- Use the Teen Board through the Teen Center to implement and create appealing, age-appropriate activities for military dependents ages 13-18.
- Extend the hours of operation on Saturday and during school breaks until 10 p.m.
- Provide a multiple-shuttle transportation system throughout each military installation to the closest teen center.

Issue: Nutrition and Equipment for Teen Center.

- Provide a healthy, yet sustainable, snack that could be prepared by the teens involved in the Cooking Club.
- Create a separate menu for middle/high school teens that is suitable for their age group.
- Authorize facilities to purchase adequate food-preparation equipment so teens can prepare their own snacks.

Catch the moment

See more AFAP conference photos at www.flickr.com/usaghawaii.

Halloween happenings



Today

IPC Halloween Events – IPC is hosting the following events for residents.

•**Halloween Costume Contests**
Canby Community Center, 190 Morris Rd., Schofield Barracks, 3-4 p.m., Oct. 28. RSVP at 275-3760.

Kalakaua Community Center, 2635 Waianae Uka Ave., Schofield Barracks; 3-4 p.m., Oct. 28. RSVP at 275-3750.

•**Halloween Bash**
Aliamanu Community Center, 182 Kauhini St., AMR, 2-4 p.m., Oct. 31. Parents and keiki are encouraged to wear costumes. RSVP at 275-3840.

•**Halloween Spooktacular**
Porter Community Center, 1301 McCornack Rd., Schofield Barracks, 3-5 p.m., Oct. 31. Activities include make-and-take arts and crafts, dancing, costume contests and a Halloween movie. RSVP by emailing porter_events@hotmail.com or calling 275-3770.

•**Halloween Tricks and Treats**
Patriot/Hamilton Community Center, 206 Thomas Paine Ct., Schofield Barracks, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Oct. 31. Costume contest consists of four age groups, with one winner in each age group: 0-3, 4-6, 7-10 and 11 and up. Each winner will receive a \$50 Walmart gift card; a parent must be present. To RSVP and to register for the contest, call 275-3720 or visit the community center.

•**Halloween Candy Bucket**
Visit any IPC community center, 3-5 p.m., Oct. 31, for Halloween candy treats, while supplies last.

Halloween Party – Keiki can wear costumes at this event, 2-4 p.m., Oct. 28, at ACS (across from Richardson Pool), Schofield Barracks. The ACS-Sgt. Yano Library event includes a trick-or-treat lane, ghost stories, games and prizes. The first 100 Blue Star card keiki get a special treat. Call 655-4227.

Haunted House

– This annual event is 6-9 p.m., Oct. 28-29, Ewa Beach Community Center, Ewa Pointe Marketplace, 91-1001 Kaimalie St. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Keiki ages five and under are free. Call 330-



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Go, Angry Birds, go!

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers of the 84th Engineer Battalion, “Never Daunted,” 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, participate in their annual Haunted Halloween run, here, Oct. 21. The battalion has conducted the run every year since its return from Iraq in 2009. After the run, companies competed against each other in a costume contest.

8438 or 595-2865.

Treats and Tails – This event is 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 28-29, at the Honolulu Zoo. Take a Halloween tour with treats along the way. Cost is \$16 for adults; \$12 for ages 3 to 12; or \$14/\$10 for members. Call 971-7195 or visit www.honolulu-zoo.org.

KMC Monster Mash – A frighteningly good time for all is 8-11 p.m., Oct. 28, in the Lava Lounge at Kilauea Military Camp, Big Island. Mash includes a costume contest. Cost is \$3 with costume or \$5 without. Call 967-8354/8365.

Hallowbaloo

– This annual music and arts festival runs through Oct. 30, Nuuanu Street, Honolulu.

Visit www.hallowbaloo.com.

29 / Saturday

Trunk or Treat – This event is 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 29, Children’s Discovery Center entrance, 111 Ohe St., Honolulu. Members from the Aloha Mustang and Shelby Club of Hawaii will pop their trunks and provide sweet treats. Call 524-KIDS (5437).

Pumpkin Patch Festival – This annual event is 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends, at Aloun Farms, 91-1440 Farington Highway, Kapolei, through Oct. 31. Pick your own pumpkin and enjoy tractor-pulled hayrides and pony rides. Cost is \$1 and cash only; it’s free for ages 2 and under. Call 677-9516, ext. 14; visit www.alounfarms.com.

Exchange Halloween Events – The Schofield Exchange is sponsoring the following events:

•Costume contest and trick or treat for keiki up to age 17, 4 p.m., Oct. 29.

•Scary poem contest for youth 6-17 years of age. Drop off entries by Oct. 29 at the Schofield Customer Service Center. The winning poem will be read Oct. 29, at the costume contest.

•Halloween book reading and keiki costume event, for youth up to age 10, starts at noon, Oct. 30, at the flower shop.

Halloween Bash – This family-friendly event is 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Oct. 29, at Bellows Air Force Station. Highlights include a scavenger hunt, pumpkin carving, costumes contests and a haunted village. Call 259-4136/7 or visit www.bellowsafs.com.

Haunted House/Dance – Middle and high school students are invited to a Haunted House/Dance, 7-9:30 p.m., Oct. 29, at the Schofield Barracks Middle School/Teen Center. Admission for Child, Youth and School Services members is \$3; nonmembers, \$4; and civilians, \$5. Call 655-0451.

Halloween Bowling Bash – Get in the spirit by celebrating at one of the bowling centers, Oct. 29.

•Schofield Barracks Bowling Center, 5 p.m.-midnight. Buy one game of bowling and get another game free if you’re in costume. Limitations apply. Call 655-0573.

•Fort Shafter Bowling Center, 6 p.m.-midnight. Get one free game if you’re in a costume. Limitations apply. Call 438-6733.

Spookilau – Dive into the world of ghost hunters at one of Hawaii’s most historical sites, the Mission Houses Museum, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 29, 553 South King St., Honolulu. Cost is \$10; visit www.missionhouses.org.

Walk with the Dead Ghost

Tour – A historian will take guests on a journey to the dark side of Honolulu, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Oct. 29-31, on this special adults-only Halloween tour. Cost is \$35. Reservations are required 48 hours prior to tour date; email filmguy54@hotmail.com or visit www.stevestoursandfilms.vpweb.com.

31 / Monday

Lunch Special – Enjoy this spooktacular lunch buffet with some “pumpkin flare,” 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 31, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Call 438-1974.

Trick Or Treat Hours – Authorized Halloween trick-or-treat hours for the Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks areas are 5:30-9 p.m., Oct. 31. Children under the age of 10 require an adult escort.

Residents not participating should indicate so by placing a “SORRY, NO TRICK OR TREATING HERE” sign on their door. If no one answers a door after one or two knocks/rings, move on to the next residence.

Children should carry a flashlight or a chem-lite and be dressed in light-colored clothing or have reflectors on dark clothing.

Haunted Lagoon – The Haunted Lagoon at the Polynesian Cultural Center, or PCC, 55-370 Kamehameha Hwy., Laie, consists of a spooky canoe ride through the PCC lagoon and runs through Oct. 31. A keiki-friendly ride is available.

Visit www.HauntedLagoon.com.

Powder puff football inspires, entertains

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FORT SHAFTER — The female Powder Puff Football League kicked off at Takahata Field, here, with a scrimmage of the Army Her-icanes and the Marine War Dawgs, Oct. 21.

“We want to stay fresh and work out the kinks, so that we are squared away when games start,” said Charles Freeman, one of the two coaches for the Army team.

This game was the first in a series of scrimmages that will be played before the games start in January.

Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force each have a team in the league.

“I don’t want to toot our own horn, but I think we’re the best team out there,” said Spc. Quiennetta “Queen” Williams, computer technician, 8th Theater Sustainment Command. “I love the camaraderie. It’s rare that we get this many females out in one place to play sports.”

The league, which started by word of mouth and an ad online, now holds practices for players three nights a week, for two hours or longer. Practices started more than a month ago.

“That was the crawl phase,” Williams said. “We’re trying to get into the walk phase, next, with the scrimmages.”

The teams will hold scrimmages October-December.

Ladies who are participating have grown with football fundamentals in leaps and bounds, Freeman said.

“Most of the ladies have never played football before, so to see their knowledge of football (grow) from then to now is extraordinary,” he said. “I am extremely proud of each and every one of them.”

Players are proud of themselves, too, but they are most proud of the example they are setting for children and other women.

“It brings the morale up for female Soldiers,” Williams said. “It builds camaraderie between us, and I’d like to think we are role models for our kids.”

Besides setting good examples for others, the players are benefiting from participating. Williams decided to play to network and open doors for herself. She is also getting a good workout and meeting some new friends.

“I hope we keep the morale high,” she said at halftime.



Army Her-icane defenders line up against the Marine War Dawgs offense during a scrimmage in preparation for the Powder Puff Football League, Takahata Field, Fort Shafter, Oct. 21.

Powder Puff League pits Army against Air Force

Army will play Air Force, 4 p.m., Nov. 6, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Call (706) 814-8609.



Spc. Quiennetta Williams (right), 8th TSC, and wide receiver for the Army Her-icanes, lines up against Jessica Gonzales, cornerback for the Marine War Dawgs, during a scrimmage at Takahata Field, Fort Shafter, Oct. 21.

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that, but the Army has given us wonderful things to help deployments go a little faster and a little easier,” she said. “The Army now approaches not only the service member, but also the family, and tries to improve things for them, too.”

Thanks to AFC funds, Stacy’s enjoyed free yoga classes, plus Emma and Zoe have participated in programs and sports offered through the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Child, Youth and School Services, and its Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills.

“I’m very thankful for the change in attitude the Army has taken towards families in the last few years,” Stacy continued. “They now realize that healthy, happy families make it easier for Soldiers to do what they do.”

USARHAW command teams joined to resign the AFC, including USARPAC; 8th Theater Sustainment Command; 25th ID; 9th Mission Support Command; 196th Inf. Bde., USARPAC; 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command; Tripler Army Medical Center; 311th Signal Cmd.; 500th Military Intelligence Bde.; and USAG-HI.

The resigning ceremony capped U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s fiscal year 2012 Army Family Action Conference, here, Oct. 18-20.

Army Family Covenant

The AFC was originally unveiled Oct. 8, 2007, to represent the Army’s commitment to providing Soldiers and their families with a quality of life commensurate with their service and sacrifice.

The AFC commits the Army to:

- Standardized family programs and services;
- Increased accessibility to health care;
- Improved Soldier and family housing;
- Ensuring excellence in child, youth and school services; and
- Expanded education and employment opportunities for family members.

Since the original signing, a variety of programs have been developed and enhanced, including Survivor Outreach Services; Child, Youth and School Services; Exceptional Family Member Respite Care; and New Parent Support.

To learn more about the AFC, visit www.MyArmyOneSource.com/CommunitiesandMarketplace/ArmyFamilyCovenant/default.aspx.